



## **2020-2021 School Immunization Requirements Frequently Asked Questions for Schools**

### **1. Are immunizations required for all children enrolled in school? Are there any changes to immunization guidelines regarding COVID-19?**

There are no changes to immunization requirements. Whether online or in person, prior to entry, attendance or transfer to schools (PK-12), each child shall have on file an up-to-date Florida Certification of Immunization, DH 680 Form showing vaccinations. This will be in the form of: DH Form 680 Part A, B, or C; DH Form 680 Certification of Immunization; DH Form 681 Religious Exemption. A Temporary Medical Exemption (Part B) is invalid without an expiration date. Students enrolled in the Florida Virtual School must have a completed DH 680 Form on file at the primary school or as designated by the Florida Virtual School Program.

*Please note: The DH 680 Form is not a substitute for the personal immunization card which details all administered vaccines provided to the patient/guardian.*

### **2. Where can the parent/guardian take their children to get the required immunizations?**

Parents can contact their children's physician. Another option is to visit the Florida Department of Health in Broward Immunization clinics (Fort Lauderdale Health Center and Paul Hughes Health Center). An appointment is needed and can be made at 954-467-4705.

### **3. What if I have a parent inquiring about how to get a religious exemption?**

A religious exemption is issued ONLY by the local county health department. An appointment for a religious exemption can also be made at 954-467-4705. The religious exemption must be presented to the school on the Department of Health's Religious Exemption Form Immunization (DH 681 Form). No other information should be solicited from the parent or guardian. Religious exemptions do not have an expiration date.



**4. Does a student have 30 days from the first day of school to turn in an immunization 680 form? Can I allow/offer more time beyond 30 days for new student's immunization 680 form?**

On a student's first day of school, they are to be in compliance with immunization requirements and a DH 680 or DH 681 (religious exemption) must be on file. Authorized school official issues temporary exemptions for a period not to exceed 30 days, however, these temporary exemptions are issued for the following situations:

Students transferring interstate/intrastate; A homeless child; A child who enters the juvenile justice; and Military children. Besides these qualifiers, per Broward County Public School policy and Florida Statute, students who do not have verification of immunization compliance will not be allowed to attend school.

**5. Does the 680 Immunization Form have to be on blue paper?**

The 680 is acceptable on white paper. A copy or facsimile of a completed and appropriately signed 680 Form is acceptable.

**6. Can I get access to Fl Shots (Florida's Online Immunization Registry) to view immunization records?**

Yes. You can sign up for a free View-Only Access account to view shot records and certified DH From 680s in Fl Shots. Application to enroll can be found at: <http://flshotsusers.com/schools-child-care-centers>